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1 Zoned for Displacement, City Lab, 9/13/17

<https://www.citylab.com/equity/2017/09/climate-changes-inevitable-displacement-of-most-vulnerable/539232/>

Hilton Kelley has been sounding off on Facebook Live the past few days about families who evacuated their homes to escape Hurricane Harvey and are now getting eviction notices. The families live in Port Arthur, Texas, the small Gulf Coast city about 90 miles east of Houston, but are currently scattered across Louisiana and Texas. Kelley himself had to evacuate—his fourth time doing so in the last 15 years due to hurricane flooding—but was able to make it back to his home last week.

2 Harvey Flooding Potentially Compromised 650 Chemical Plants

<http://www.triplepundit.com/2017/09/harvey-flooding-potentially-compromised-650-chemical-plants/>

The Union of Concerned Scientists has assembled a list of facilities potentially impacted by flooding related to Hurricane Harvey, and the picture may surprise those who focus on Superfund sites. There are a lot of potential chemical stews brewing along the Gulf coast — 650 of them.

3 Galena Park gasoline spill dwarfed other Harvey leaks, but stayed out of public eye for days

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/business/article/Galena-Park-gasoline-spill-dwarfed-other-Harvey-12192956.php>

Jesse Perez, 41, a longtime resident of Galena Park, said he had grown accustomed to the smells of refineries and other plants in this heavily industrial community on the east side of Houston. But in that days that followed Hurricane Harvey's departure from the area, he said he never smelled such strong gasoline odors in his neighborhood. "It was a heavy smell, and it even carried inside our house," Perez said. "We had to put air fragrances in the rooms just to air out the house."

4 Swarmed with mosquitoes after Harvey, Texas calls in the US Air Force, Quartz, 9/13/17

<https://qz.com/1075935/swarmed-with-mosquitoes-after-harvey-texas-calls-in-the-us-air-force/>

In an effort to combat the swarms of mosquitoes apparently making mating grounds out of the standing water left behind from Hurricane Harvey, Texas has called in the big planes. The state asked the US Air Force to spray 6 million acres in the state with insecticide from in its low-flying C-130 cargo planes. The Air Force has long used its planes in mosquito-control missions.

5 Will Rebuilding After Harvey and Irma Make More Flooding Inevitable?, New Yorker, 9/13/17

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/daily-comment/will-rebuilding-after-harvey-and-irma-make-more-flooding-inevitable>

The aim of the National Flood Insurance Program, which was created by Congress, in 1968, in the aftermath of Hurricane Betsy, is to provide “affordable insurance to property owners.” The program offers what amounts to subsidized coverage, and according to its critics, and also to some of its supporters, the N.F.I.P. has had the perverse effect of encouraging rebuilding in areas where homes and businesses probably shouldn’t have been built in the first place.

6 Iowa corn growers see benefits of lifted ethanol restrictions after Hurricane Harvey, KCRG, 9/13/17

<http://www.kcrg.com/content/news/iowa-corn-growers-see-benefits-of-lifted-ethanol-restrictions-after-Hurricane-Harvey--444183373.html>

After Hurricane Harvey, consumers saw gas prices rise in Iowa and around the country. This is the trend from GasBuddy.com., where the red line shows the spike in Iowa gas prices, compared to the national trend in blue. The hurricane shut down oil and gas refineries so the EPA lifted certain restrictions on ethanol fuels to help after the storm.

7 Texas begins long march toward recovery from Hurricane Harvey, Tribune, 9/12/17

http://baycitytribune.com/news/article_ad481804-9835-11e7-8f7f-1312ca29281a.html

As contaminated waters receded and mountains of debris from flooded homes and ruined belongings grew last week, a picture of post-hurricane Texas developed and the process of weighing impacts to lives, property and infrastructure began.

Gov. Greg Abbott delivered a series of announcements and proclamations related to catastrophic flooding and wind damage brought by Hurricane Harvey to more than 50 Gulf Coast and inland counties in late August and early September.

8 Weeks after Harvey, floodwaters still pose threats to Houston residents, CBS, 9/12/17

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/harvey-floodwaters-threats-houston/>

Nearly three weeks after Harvey drowned Houston, people like Mike Gregg are still digging through the debris, and realizing just how much they lost. Two feet of water soaked everything, including the family piano. "It was my wife's," Gregg said. "Something that was very valuable to her."

9 EPA approves emergency fuel waivers for 38 states, Washington, D.C., Agri Pulse, 9/13/17

<https://www.agri-pulse.com/articles/9837-epa-approves-emergency-fuel-waivers-for-38-states-washington-dc>

As a result of the continuing impacts on refineries near the Gulf Coast and disruption to the fuel distribution system caused by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt exercised EPA’s emergency fuel waiver authority to help ensure an adequate supply of fuel throughout the country.

10 Terminals, refiners clean up spills after Harvey, Argus, 9/12/17

<http://www.argusmedia.com/news/article/?id=1533319>

Refineries and terminal operators around Houston have reported spilling thousands of gallons of diesel and gasoline in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. Magellan Midstream Partners says

hurricane-related flooding caused the spill of 10,988 bl of gasoline from two storage tanks at its Galena Park facility, which is located next to the Houston Ship Channel. Some of the spilled gasoline flowed into a ditch near the channel and a "small amount" reached the water, the company says.

11 (Video) Analysis Estimates 4.6 Million Pounds Of Chemicals Spilled During Hurricane Harvey, Beaumont Enterprise,

<http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/news/media/Analysis-Estimates-4-6-Million-Pounds-Of-1020092.php>

Flooding from Hurricane Harvey overwhelmed existing safety precautions at many chemical plants. According to Business Insider, the floods released 4.6 million pounds of chemicals overall--some carcinogenic. Advocates have expressed concern about potential health effects, but federal and state representatives said there is little reason for alarm. The EPA is working with Texas state regulators to clean up spills from a dozen industrial facilities. However, representatives say it's still too early to estimate the amounts spilled.